



May 9, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

### **Let Us Pray for Our Teachers**

*"Father, we thank you for all our teachers. We thank you for their creativity, work ethic, commitment, drive and passion to those who they educate. We thank you for the lives they have changed and transformed. Father, during this Teacher Appreciation Week, bless those teachers who have contributed to the lives of others, inspiring them to become doctors, nurses, public safety workers, and educators. Let this week be one day of appreciation, honor, respect and recognition to those whom it is due; our teachers, the ones who see the best in the life of others and strives to make something beautiful out of it through education and creativity. Amen."*

### **Congratulations:**

Last week 12 of our students represented St. Hilary at the Annual Battle of the Books. This year 51 students from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade spent a few months reading numerous books, taking quizzes, and participating in book discussions. All of the battle participants worked very hard through this process. Team Wolf represented St. Hilary, those students were; Scott, Don, Joshua, Ryan, Lina, Christine L., Isabella P., Benjamin, Aelaika, Allison, Grace, and Vivian. We won 1st place! What an amazing battle, we are so proud of all of you. A special thank you to Mrs. Donnelly, who has been our coordinator for a number of years; and to Dr. Lida and Mrs. Gray, who were instrumental in assisting Mrs. Donnelly. Thank you also to our FSA and parents who helped with the refreshments and to Fr. Aloy for coming to support the team. We were happy to host this year and we are very proud of all of our students.

Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> Communicants! Saturday was a beautiful day, the sun was shining and all of the children were fantastic. Thank you to Mrs. Whitney Castle for preparing the children for this special sacrament. Thank you also to Ms. Montemurro for her assistance with the practice and ceremony. We are excited that they were able to receive communion today with the entire school at mass. Our First Communicants are invited to participate in the May Crowning on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the 10:00 am mass.

Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12. Students are asked to read a favorite book, poem, or speech and write to the author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Letters are judged on state and national levels. This year, Illinois students led the nation in entries with 6,906 letters. Of those, 42 came from St. Hilary School's fifth and sixth grade classes. The Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian acknowledged that all of the students' letters were wonderful, which made the judging "extremely challenging."

At the state level, several students earned the distinction of honorable mention in this year's Letters About Literature contest: Dimitri D., Claire M., and Maliah W. from grade 5; Marina M. and Ryan R. from grade 6. Two students even made it the semi-finalist category--congratulations to Nicolas D. and Kaulie L., both from fifth grade!

A couple of weeks ago I announced 7 of our students who were selected as the top 100 finalists in the Do the Write Thing National Campaign against violence. Last night these students; Gail, Janine, Thao, Alexandra, Sidonie, Adhrian, and Phuc were recognized and celebrated at a special dinner. There were over 1000 essays that were submitted and we are extremely proud that these 7 students were recognized for their insight and ability to express themselves so well. We are so excited that Phuc was recognized as being one of the top 10 finalists. They are now published authors as each student received a book of all 100 essays. Thank you to Ms. Weber for their work with these students through this process. Congratulations!!!

**Thank you:**

Thank you to our Athletic Director, Mr. Joe Kummerer for a wonderful year of sports. We honored many of our athletes on Sunday at the volleyball/basketball banquet. Many thanks to our coaches who volunteer all of their time, the parents who make great sacrifices when their children are involved in sports, and the athletes who showed great sportsmanship and continued to bring pride to St. Hilary throughout the season.

I wanted to thank Mr. Ken Sirgiovanni for all his time helping with the bitty ball program and all the basketball games. He can often be found at the scorekeepers table assisting Mr. Kummerer. I appreciate his dedication.

**Tax Credit Scholarship update:**

I am so thrilled that a number of our families have received scholarships. One question that has been asked, "My child received a scholarship from Big Shoulders and Empower Illinois, what should I do?" My answer is this, I would accept the Empower Illinois scholarship (presuming that it is the same amount or greater than Big Shoulders) because any money from a Big Shoulders scholarship that is not claimed will go back into the main pool for families on the waiting list. Big Shoulders is only granting

scholarships for Archdiocese of Chicago schools, Empower Illinois is helping all non-public schools in Illinois. If there is any way that I can help you, please do not hesitate to let me know.

**Grand Raffle:**

Do you want the chance to win \$10,000? On June 3<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Aloy will host an Ice Cream Social and we will have our Grand Raffle. If you are interested in purchasing an additional raffle ticket for a chance to win \$10,000 come to the school office or the parish office in the rectory. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors – everyone is welcome to participate. Someone will win, why not you?

**Summer opportunities:**

In last week's envelope there were two flyers for summer opportunities. The first is from St. Patrick High School. The contact information is on the flyer. The second is from Aspire Kids. We are partners with Aspire through an All Are Welcome grant associated with the Loyola graduate program that I am working on. These groups will meet at St. Hilary – days and times will be determined. The names for the Aspire Kids sessions need to be submitted by Friday so it is imperative that you contact me asap if you are interested. Teachers will also be recommending students for these groups.

**Reminder:**

With the year quickly coming to a close I ask that your tuition balance is current. ***8<sup>th</sup> graders tuition must be paid in full by May 18<sup>th</sup> or your child will be excluded from events and activities, including participating in graduation. Preschool and kindergarten children will be excluded from the end of the year celebrations if their tuition account is not paid.***

It is that time of the year again – your red service hour cards are due. Please make sure that you have completed your 15 hours and return the card to the school office. If you are still in need of hours please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us to provide the many activities and events for our children.

Don't forget to tell a friend about St. Hilary and as a thank you, you will receive a \$100.00 tuition credit on your December tuition statement pending enrollment of the referred family. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

**Please note 8th graders must be paid in full in May. Failure to complete payment will result in loss of participation in 8th grade events/activities and possibly graduation. Any delinquent balance will result in loss of participation in the graduation ceremony and diplomas will be held.** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If your account is current, I thank you!

**Contents of this Wednesday's envelope:**

- St. Hilary Literary Magazine "The Call" flyer
- Women's Club Oberweis Day flyer
- Chicago Sky field trip flyer and permission slip (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders)
- FSA flyers – meeting and election
- Student council flyers – bake sale and spirit day
- St. Hilary Showcase – Fri. May 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30 – 6:30 pm

**Mark your calendars:**

- Thurs. May 10 – PeeWee Pep Rally for preschool – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- Fri. May 11 – NO SCHOOL – teacher professional development day
- Sun. May 13 – Happy Mother's Day – May Crowning at 10 am mass
- Tues. May 15 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Legoland
- May 16, 17 & 18 – Student Council Spring Bake Sale
- Fri. May 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Hilary Showcase
- Fri. May 18<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Day (see flyer)
- Sat. May 19<sup>th</sup> – Men's Club BBQ for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families
- Tues. May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Spring Concert
- Wed. May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Sky Game
- Thurs. May 24<sup>th</sup> – Candle Ribbon Ceremony 7:00 pm in church  
**mandatory for all 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**
- Fri. May 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Hilary Field Day – more information to come
- Mon. May 28<sup>th</sup> – No School – Memorial Day

Please check out the Peek at the Week for a look at the week ahead.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school 773-561-5885 or by email [donovan@sthilarychicago.org](mailto:donovan@sthilarychicago.org).

Gratefully,  
*Mrs. Kathie Donovan*  
Mrs. Kathie Donovan, Principal



# A Peek at the Week

## WEEK OF May 14 - 18

*St. Hilary...where faith, family, and academics thrive!*

### **MONDAY: May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers: Sara M., Thao**

- ✓ Religious education classes
- ✓ Yoga classes
- ✓ Cadet band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109
- ✓ Concert band 3:00 – 4:00 pm in Room 109

### **TUESDAY: May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers: Camille, Tyler**

- ✓ Student Council meeting – officers
- ✓ CODAs 7:10 – 7:45 am in Room 109
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Legoland

### **WEDNESDAY: May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers: Joy Marie, Sophie C.**

- ✓ 8:30 all school liturgy
- ✓ Cadet band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109
- ✓ 2:00 dismissal
- ✓ Student Council Bake Sale after school

### **THURSDAY: May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers: Rianne, Don**

- ✓ Cardinal Choir 3:00 – 4:00 pm in church
- ✓ Concert band 7:00 – 7:45 am in Room 109
- ✓ Student Council Bake Sale after school

### **FRIDAY: May 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers: Sidonie, Marina**

- ✓ Student Council Bake Sale after school
- ✓ St. Hilary Spirit Day
- ✓ St. Hilary Showcase (talent show) 5:30 – 6:30 pm in Vacala Auditorium

### **SATURDAY: May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers: 8:30 a.m. adult altar servers**

**5:00 p.m. Nathan, Ariam, Chris K.**

### **SUNDAY: May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Altar Servers: 8 am Billy, Anthony O., Jeryl**

**10 am Don, Nora, Gia**

**12 pm Camille, Adhrian, Benjamin sub.**

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2017/18 SCHOOL YEAR





## FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

School Name St. Hilary School Address 5614 N. Fairfield City Chicago

Destination: Chicago Sky game at Wintrust Arena

Date Wed. May 23, 2018 Grade/Class 3rd-8th grade

Departure Time: 8:45 am Return Time: 1:45 pm

Teacher/Supervisor Mrs. Donovan and all 3rd-8th grade teachers

Ms. Lamorena, Mrs. Rhodes, and Mr. Flaherty

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE OF THE FIELD TRIP

STEM activities and CODAS & Cardinal Choir will perform

Please note the following:

☒ Students will wear school uniforms.  
☐ Students may wear casual clothes suited for the field trip  
 and in accord with school dress code.

☐ Students will bring their lunches labeled with name/grade  
☐ Lunch will be provided for the students.

☒ Students may purchase lunches at their own expense.

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation:

Bus – provided by Compass Transportation

Public – provided by \_\_\_\_\_

Walking Route: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Print first and last name of student on line below*

I/we, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_ request that the school permit my/our son/daughter participate in this field trip as described above. I/We understand that this is an educational trip and a valid extension of the classroom experience. In consideration of the making of arrangements by the school, I/we release and save harmless the school and any and all school personnel from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, or other claims arising or resulting from the trip.

*Print first and last name of Mother/Guardian:*

Mother/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

*Print first and last name of Father/Guardian:*

Father/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Mother/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Teachers will have each student's Medical and Emergency Notification Authorization for Medical Treatment on the trip.**

Cost of Field Trip \$10.00 Due on or before May 10, 2018

Please place the permission form and the required fee in an envelope. Include student's name, grade, and room number.

*If you already paid for your tickets please complete this form and return to school.*

*2 chaperones per grade will be needed. Must be VIRTUS trained and approved by Ms. Donovan.*



ST. HILARY MUSIC AT CHICAGO SKY

# IT'S GAME TIME



COME SUPPORT THE CODAS AND CARDINAL CHOIR AS  
THEY SING AT THE CHICAGO SKY GAME 5/23/18  
@11AM!

TICKETS ARE \$10

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

QTY OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO ST. HILARY SCHOOL





## Aspire Kids Chicago Summer 2018 Groups

*Does your young child need help getting ready to read and write?*

*Join our **Early Literacy Skill Group!***

- Groups for 4-6 year olds
- Small group setting
- Multi-sensory, play-based learning
- Focus on early reading and writing preparation
- Integration of phonics, book awareness, comprehension, and storytelling

*Does your student struggle with major reading concepts that affect reading comprehension?*

*Join our **Reading Comprehension Boost** group!*

- Groups for 6-8 and 9-12 Year-Olds
- Small group setting
- Practice difficult concepts to help boost reading skills, as well as confidence levels
- Each week will focus on a specific reading skill
- Students will read high-interest reading material, focusing on high-level thinking skills
- Participate in interactive and engaging lessons to help solidify understanding
- Culminate with online Jeopardy game recapping all skills taught

*Would your 9-12 year-old love to have fun while learning and practicing math at the same time?*

*Join our **Fun with Math Games** group!*

- Groups for 9-12 year olds
- Small group setting
- Engage in fun, interactive games
- Play games that help improve computational fluency and promote critical mathematical thinking
- Games can be transferred to the home and school environment so the learning and fun never stops!

**All groups are facilitated by an Education Specialist**

Please note: If requesting more than one group, we ask that they are scheduled back-to-back

Requests will be taken on a **first-come first-served** basis.

Please contact Josephine Brylak at [jbrylak@aspirechicago.com](mailto:jbrylak@aspirechicago.com) for more information



# FUNDRAISER COUPON

**OBERWEIS**<sup>®</sup>  
ICE CREAM *and* DAIRY STORE

Take this coupon to the Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store location below and we'll get up to 30% back on everything you buy!

Name of Organization **St. Hilary Women's Club**

Oberweis Store Location: **6469 N. Lincoln Ave. Lincolnwood, IL 60712**

Fundraiser Shopping Day: **5-24-2018**

Fundraiser Shopping Time: **10am - 9pm**

Fundraiser Code: **051-0085 Lincolnwood**

**To be filled in by store employee:**

**Amount of Purchase (not including tax):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Register Transaction #:** \_\_\_\_\_

Only purchases made at the Oberweis Ice Cream and Dairy Store indicated above and during the specified date and time are eligible to earn funds for your organization. Oberweis Home Delivery purchases are not eligible in conjunction with this program.

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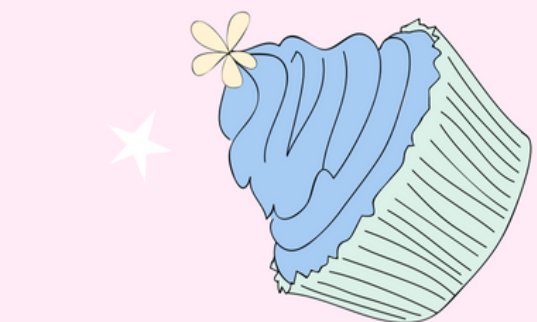
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St. Hilary's 2018 Spring Bake Sale

# May Munchies

**Snack it up, people!**

Hosted by Student Council

May 16-18

After school on the  
parking lot

\$2 or less per treat





St. Hilary's 2018

# SPIRIT DAY

**Theme: Twin Day**

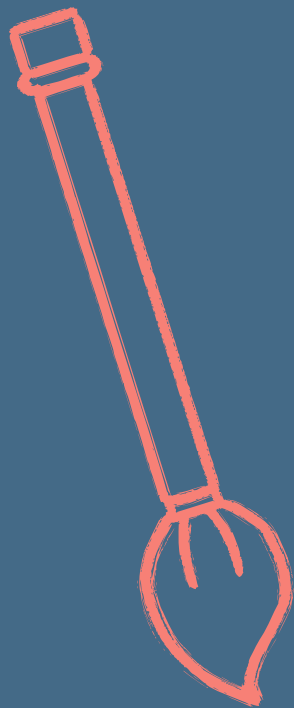
Dress alike with one or  
more people

**Date: Friday, May 18**

Spirit items are sold  
for \$1 or less



# ST. HILARY SHOW CASE



**NEW  
TIME!**

Donations will be collected to support  
St. Hilary School's  
Art and Music Programs  
Hosted by  
**Musicians Making A Difference**

**MAY  
18  
5:30PM**

QUESTIONS? [LAMORENA@STHILARYCHICAGO.ORG](mailto:LAMORENA@STHILARYCHICAGO.ORG)

# ST. HILARY FAMILY & SCHOOL association

# MAY MEETING & ELECTION



**Wednesday, May 9**  
**7–8 p.m. St. Hilary Cafeteria**

**It's our last meeting of the year! On the agenda:**

- Elections for the 2018-19 Executive Committee
- End-of-the-year celebrations and picnic
- Bring your ideas for what you would like to see or do next year

All parents and guardians of St. Hilary students are members of the FSA and are always welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!



# Get involved in your FSA

Nominations are open for the Family & School Association Executive Committee for the 2018-2019 school year.

## THE ST. HILARY FAMILY NEEDS YOU

Don't wait to get involved "someday"! Please consider sharing your time, talents, ideas and expertise to help enrich the St. Hilary School community. Seven (7) positions are available

### **Co-chairs (2)**

- Oversee all activities and meetings
- Serve as primary liaisons with school and parish staff
- Coordinate room parent volunteers

### **Event coordinators (2)**

- Create/maintain event/activity calendar
- Organize and assist event/activity/program chairs

### **Treasurer**

- Keep track of finances
- Request disbursements for programs as directed by the executive committee

### **Communication Coordinator**

- Keep records of all meetings
- Work with other coordinators to promote events, activities and programs

### **Fundraising coordinator**

- Manage and help plan fundraising activities

**Nomination forms are due  
to the school office on  
May 4, 2018.**

**Elections will take place  
at the Wednesday, May 9,  
FSA monthly meeting.**

**Serving on the Executive  
Committee fulfills your  
family service hour  
requirement.**





# St. Hilary Family & School Association

## Executive Committee Nomination Form

The St. Hilary Family School Association (FSA) is seeking nominations for its upcoming term of office, which covers the 2018-2019 academic year. Please complete this form if you are interested in nominating yourself, or someone you know, for any of the positions listed below. **Serving on the executive committee will fulfill your family service hour requirement.**

All nomination forms should be completed and returned to the St. Hilary School office no later than **5 p.m., Friday, May 4, 2018**. Nominations should be placed in a sealed envelope, labeled "FSA Board Nomination."

**Full name of nominee (please print):** .....

**Nominee's affiliation with St. Hilary School (Check all that apply):**

- ☐ Parent/Guardian of a child enrolled in the school
- ☐ Parent/Guardian of a child enrolled in the Religious Education program
- ☐ Parent/Guardian of alumnus/alumna
- ☐ Parish/School staff member
- ☐ Alumnus/alumna
- ☐ Parishioner

**Position of Interest (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Co-chairperson (2)
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Communication Coordinator
- ☐ Event Coordinator (2)
- ☐ Fundraising Coordinator

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

Please complete this section ONLY if you are nominating someone other than yourself

Nominated by (please print): .....

Nominator's signature: ..... Date: .....2018

I hereby agree to my nomination for the position noted on this form, and, if elected, I agree to serve on the executive committee of the St. Hilary Family & School Association. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have a viable interest in furthering and promoting the growth and development of St. Hilary School by serving on the FSA executive committee:

Nominee's signature: ..... Date: .....2018

# You don't want to miss St. Hilary's 1st Literary Magazine "Call"

A one of a kind  
collection of  
Art pieces and  
Original writings  
by our very own  
St. Hilary students

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Hilary School)**